More than 45% anganwadis have no toilet and 40% have the facility of only urinal.

Nearly three-fourth of Anganwadi Centres have baby weighing scales.

Nearly 60% anganwadis have tumblers & plates.

Right from its inception, the Scheme envisages that accommodation for Anganwadis will be provided by the local community. In case, however, such facility is not available, a room can be rented also for the purpose. However, Government has, as a special case, sanctioned construction of 20,000 Anganwadi Centres in North Eastern States out of the budget earmarked for the North-Eastern Region. Construction of 33,272 Anganwadi buildings has also been sanctioned under the World bank assisted (COS Projects. The rent for Anganwadi Centres has almost been doubled recently. The States have been advised to provide toilet and safe drinking water facilities through convergence with the Accelerated Rural Water Supply/Swajaldhara Scheme and Total Sanitation Campaign Programme of the Department of Drinking Water Supply. For all other inputs, funds, as per approved norms, are being provided to the States by the Central Government under the Scheme.

Out of 5652 ICDS Projects sanctioned by the end of IX plan, 763 Projects were in tribal areas.

In pursuance of its commitment, as enunciated in the National Common Minimum Programme, the Government has sanctioned 466 ICDS Projects, including 46 in tribal areas. These Projects are expected to become operational this year.

For improvement of public health infrastructure, Government has launched National Rural Health Mission in April, 2005.

All these measures are expected to improve the nutritional status & reduce mortality amongst children in the country including those of children in tribal areas.

**ICDS workers**

2094. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ICDS workers in different States and Union Territories category-wise;

(b) the amount of their salaries;

(c) whether their services are regular;

(d) if not, the decision of Government to regularise them;

(e) whether Government are going to enhance their wages before regularising their services; and

(0 if so, the programme in detail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) State-wise number of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers sanctioned and in-position, as on 31.12.2006; are often in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme envisages Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) & Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) as "honorary workers' selected from the local community who come forward to wider their services, on part-time ~~basis~~, in Anganwadi Centres. The amount of honoraria being paid to AWWs end Helpers, on an average, is Rs.1000/- par month and Rs.500/- par month respectively.

(d) to (f) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present

***Statement***

State-wise *number of Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers as on 31.12.2005*

| SI. NO. | Stete/UT | Anganwadi Workers | Anganwadi Helpers |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 35077 | 59141 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 2359 | 2359 |
| 3. | Assam | 25416 | 25416 |
| 4. | Bihar | 60041 | 59797 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 20128 | 20046 |

| SI. No. | State/UT | Anganwadi Workers | Anganwadi Helpers |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | Goa | 999 | 981 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 35828 | 35685 |
| 8. | Haryana | 13446 | 13526 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 7096 | 7318 |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | 10520 | 10363 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 20389 | 20284 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 39836 | 40237 |
| 13. | Kerala | 25183 | 24908 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 45932 | 45770 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 61987 | 60775 |
| 16. | Manipur | 4496 | 4491 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 2218 | 2218 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 1361 | 1361 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 2770 | 2770 |
| 20. | Orissa | 33502 | 33977 |
| 21. | Punjab | 14604 | 14581 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 35613 | 35540 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 496 | 499 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 42677 | 36258 |
| 25. | Tripura | 3789 | 3761 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 99325 | 100236 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 6592 | 6574 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 53490 | 53149 |
| 29. | A & N Islands | 527 | 527 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 300 | 300 |
| 31. | Delhi | 3852 | 3852 |
| 32. | Dadra & N Haveli | 138 | 138 |

| SI. No. | State/UT | Anganwadi Workers | Anganwadi Helpers |
|---|---|---|---|
| 33. | Daman & Diu | 87 74 | 87 74 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 677 | 677 |
| 35. | Pondicherry | | |
| | All India: | 730825 | 723676 |

**Deteriorating condition of women**

†2095. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that United Nations institution UNICEF has made an assessment in its annual report published in the year 2006 that the condition of women in India is deteriorating constantly;

(b) if so, whether Government have seen the report; and

(c) the details of the report and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) UNICEF's Annual Report 2006 has not so far been published.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Children died of malnutrition**

2096. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1.2 million children under five die from malnutrition every year in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to prevent children dying from malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Malnutrition is not a direct but an underlying cause of death as it

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.